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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN REQUEST TO SUPPORT CANDIDATE FOR UN
JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

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¶1. (U) Post received the following Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting support to re-elect its candidate to the post of Inspector in the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU). Full text follows.

BEGIN TEXT:

13656/Adm/KUM/2009
Budapest, 08 September 2009
NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of the Republic of Hungary has decided to present its candidature for re-election to the post of Inspector in the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for a second term, as from 1 January 2011, with Inspector Istvan POSTA, currently serving as Inspector of the JIU.

Istvan POSTA has a long and distinguished diplomatic career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary, having served in different positions of bilateral and multilateral diplomacy, including as Ambassador, Permanent Representative and Deputy Permanent Representative of his country at different UN Headquarters. He represented Hungary at a number of major UN world conferences and events.

In 2004, he was appointed by the General Assembly as Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System. During his term of office, Inspector Posta served with distinction and dedication in his position. His knowledge and experiences largely contributed to the implementation of the mandate of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Republic of Hungary is convinced that the considerable experiences of Inspector POSTA, together with his outstanding performance as an Inspector during his first term of office, make him an excellent candidate to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The expert's CV providing further details on his professional background is attached to this note verbale.

The Republic of Hungary would be grateful to the United States of America for granting its valuable support to the candidacy of Hungary with Inspector Istvan POSTA for a second term at the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit beginning in 2011 during the elections to be held at the upcoming 64th Session of the General Assembly in the Fall of 2009.
Embassy of the United States of America
Budapest
END NOTE VERBALE

¶2. (U) The following is Istvan POSTA's MFA provided CV.

Born on 19 November 1950, in Balmazujvaros (Hungary)

Hungarian

Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System, former diplomat and Ambassador at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary

Married and has three children

Languages: English, Spanish, Russian and Hungarian

Education

Master in Economics (Analysis and processing of economic information), 1974, University of Economics in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

Master in Political Sciences, 1989, Institute of Political Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

Postgraduate studies in Public Administration, 2000, Institute of Public Administration, Budapest, Hungary

Diplomatic carrier (sic)

2006-Present - Inspector, Member of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System (JIU)

As a member of the Joint Inspection Unit, he actively participated in the everyday work of the only independent external, system-wide oversight body of the United Nations System. He conducted a number of evaluations and inspections, and coordinated the preparation of several JIU reports and notes.

The reports he prepared as coordinator or co-author dealt with different subjects of human resources management (age structure, NCRE, internship, JPO), as well as issues of

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administrative and financial operation of UN organizations (common services, off-shoring, telecommunication, procurement). For his considerable work, he received recognition and support from the CEB and the governing bodies of the organizations.

2000-2004 - Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Hungary to the United Nations, New York

As Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Hungary to the United Nations in New York, he was responsible for the overall political and administrative management of the Mission staff, as well as the General Assembly and the United Nations reform-related issues. He coordinated the Hungarian participation at the Millennium Summit, participated in the work of the General Assembly Sessions and its subsidiary bodies, and gained further experiences by working with UN funds and programmes.

1997-2000 - Deputy Director-General for International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

As Deputy Director-General for International Organizations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary he played an important role in the formulation and implementation of the Hungarian UN policy. He was responsible for the system-wide coordination of the Hungarian participation in various United Nations funds and programmes, and has accumulated experience at national and international levels in administrative, budgetary and coordination areas. Working as a team leader, he has acquired considerable managerial and organizational skills.

1997-2000 - Deputy Director-General for International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

He was responsible for the Hungarian participation in the UN peacekeeping operations and for the inter-agency coordination of the Hungarian participation in the international economic organizations. During these years, he gained extensive knowledge and experience of working with UN specialised agencies and the IAEA.

1996-1997 - Permanent Representative of the Republic of Hungary to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Vienna

1992-1996 - Acting Permanent Representative of the Republic of Hungary to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Vienna

Having an overall responsibility for the work of the Hungarian UN Mission he was an active participant in the day-to-day work of the policy making organs of the Vienna-based organizations. He chaired several major meetings of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). As President of the Industrial Development Board and Chairman of the mandated working group, he played an important role in elaborating and launching the UNIDO reform process, which resulted in the adoption and implementation of the business plan for UNIDO.

1988-1992 - International Organizations Ministry of Foreign Affairs Department,

As a Desk Officer he was responsible for the Hungarian participation in the work of the Vienna-based international organizations, and for the coordination of related activities of the governmental agencies of Hungary.

1984-1988 - First Secretary, Embassy of Hungary to Cuba

Having served as a diplomat responsible for international economic cooperation, he has gained experience in bilateral diplomacy and acquired in-depth knowledge in the field of economics, development and scientific cooperation.

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1984 - Latin American Territorial Ministry of Foreign Affairs Department, Desk Officer

Inspector Istvan POSTA was the coordinator or co-author of the following reports and notes during his term of office

AGE STRUCTURE OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM (JIU/REP/2007/4)

REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL COMPETITIVE RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION AS A RECRUITMENT TOOL (JIU/REP/2007/9)

REVIEW OF SELECTED TELECOMMUNICATION ISSUES AND USE OF VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL TECHNOLOGIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ORGANIZATIONS (JIU/NOTE/2007/2)

JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICER/ASSOCIATE EXPERT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL OFFICER PROGRAMMES IN UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

ORGANIZATIONS (JIU/REP/2008/2)

COMMON SERVICES AT THE LOCATIONS OF UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL
COMMISSIONS (JIU/NOTE/2008/2)

CORPORATE CONSULTANCIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM
ORGANIZATIONS (JIU/NOTE/2008/4)

INTERNSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM (JIU/NOTE/2009/2)

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
REGIONAL PRESENCE (JIU/REPORT/2009/3)

OFF SHORING OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED NATIONS
ORGANIZATIONS (JIU/REPORT /2009/4)

All documents are available on website: www.unjiu.org

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